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by Frank Sides
staff writer

The homecoming queen and king were named at the football game Saturday afternoon. Ginny Laubhan, a 23-year-old sophomore from Amarillo, received 140 out of 461 votes or about 30 percent. Laubhan is president of the Student Senate and of Phi Theta Kappa.

"She is the first married homecoming queen in recent history," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said. "Both the king and the queen are non-traditional students this year," said Nalley.

Michael Carney, a 25 year-old-sophomore from Rockwall, was named homecoming king after receiving about 30 percent of the votes. Carney is Student Senate Secretary and speech-theater major.



Photo by: Scott Nalley

History raises questions

by Bo Wickliff
staff writer

The TJC drum beat beat's 24-7 for victory. The TJC drum beat, originated in 1948, continues the belief that if it stops, TJC will lose the, Homecoming football game. Mary Ketner, Historian Student Senate said, "The beat started Oct. 7 at 8 a.m. and ended at kickoff Saturday

"The Cheerleaders began the drum beat," Ketner said. "twenty two different organization and any volunteers could beat the drum for one hour."

Scott Nalley, Director Student Activities, said, "In 1948 the beat tradition started with the football team and the Apache Belles."

"In 1995 some kids beating the drum went to Campus Capers, They left the drum alone for hours. That year we tied the game," Nalley said.

When this occurred, we had the worst weather," he said. Officials had to stop the game four times because of lightning." About 200 individuals beat the drum this year.

Students compete in campus competition

by Chester Reescano Jr.
staff writer

Campus Capers gives students a chance to showcase their talents with a small chance at stardom. Eight amateur performers competed Friday for hundreds of dollars in prizes. First place won \$300, second place \$200 and third place \$100.

Some participants were experienced.

Ashley Thomas from Tyler said, "I have been singing all my life in the church."

"This in not my first time singing in front of my peers. My first time was in elementary school," Thomas said, she sang a gospel song by Yolanda Adams.

"I felt that if I sang a gospel song, it would have been hard for the crowd to boo me off the stage," she said before the event.

Other participants were worried. Jamie Howard form Wills Point said, "I was nervous, I thought I might mess up. I have been singing all my life, ever since I was a little boy."

Howard sang a classic song by

the legendary group Silk.

"I know it was a lot of pressure on me to do good, but this wasn't my first time singing. I sing all the time. I just can't get enough of it," said Howard.

Winners were not known at press time.

Haunted houses make Halloween fun

Jaycee's Haunted House

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

For more than 30 years, Tyler Jaycee's Haunted has entertained at Halloween. This 18,000 square foot, 26 room haunted hause, features multiple themes such as Freddy Kruger and Chucky. The house opened Wednesday and runs through Nov. 2.

The haunted house opens at 7 p.m. with 15 to 20 minute tours until people stop coming. Admissions costs \$10 per person or \$8 plus four cans of food. Wednesday and Sunday are discount nights-\$8 per person or \$6 with four cans of food. These canned foods benefit the Reginal East Texas Food Bank.

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Hell House

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

"Hell house is believed to be scarier than any other haunted house because it includes everyday situations and shows the demons that come into people's lives," Child-Care Provider, Crystal Mori said.

This particular haunted house supports a moral theme, with volunteer actions in controversial issues. Visitors can expect dramatic scenes which include: abortion, suicide, drug-use, Jesus Christ's beatings, crucifixion and resurrection. Admission costs \$7.

"Hell house was founded by Castle Founder Gary Hawley," Volunteer Joel Atencio said. He received the idea from a group in Dallas about eight years ago. The House is open from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 7 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday. "On Halloween night the Hell house will remain open until people stop coming," Mori said.

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What is the hardest thing about being a full time student and working full time?



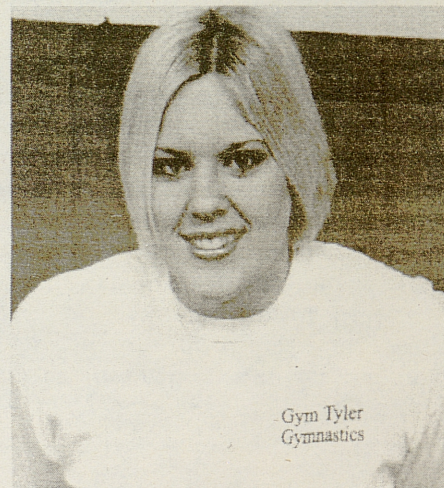
-Kimberly Brimberry
"Not enough time to rest and sleep, always worried about bills"



-Mykal Duquette
"I don't think it is that hard. You just have to manage your time wisely"



-Nate Boomer
"Lack of sleep and my job sometimes causes me to miss school"



-Lindsey Murray
"Sometimes I don't have time to check over my homework or visit the writing lab like I should"

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Students juggle jobs, school

by Jennifer Shirley and Ashley Whittington

"Kristi would you like to go out with me tonight?"

"Well, Chad, I would but I have to work and then go home and do homework for two classes and study for an anatomy test. Im sorry, but I am just too busy to date."

Many students today who attend school full-time, also work full time jobs. Having a personal life, dating and hanging out with friends is sometimes non-existent.

Angela Dyess, 19, an education major, drives in from Rusk every Tuesday and Thursday to complete her 15 course hours. In her third semester at TJ, she works 40 hours a week, but her education is paid for by a scholarship.

Dyess, married and expecting a child, chooses to work full-time to help pay bills.

Time is not a problem, because, she says, she has time for herself and feels organized. Dyess will graduate in December and plans to transfer to Stephen F. Austin.

Kimberly Brimberry, 20, a general studies major from

Tyler is taking 13 hours this semester and works about 60 hours a week between two jobs. In her third semester at TJC, Brimberry has been on her own since she was a junior in high school, she works to pay for her car, rent, school and other bills.

Brimberry feels she does not have enough time for herself, and only sometimes feels organized, but says she is happy.

She said the love of her

'I can't even spell organized. Just kidding. I have organized chaos.'

life, Jason Thompson, helps her stay content. Brimberry's goal is "to get a degree with out going insane first."

Mykal Duquette, 18, said, "I can't even spell organized. Just kidding. I have organized chaos."

Duquette, majors in journalism, a TJC cheerleader, and also works about 30-40 hours a week at Red Lobster restaurant.

"The only time I have for myself is when I am at gymnastics or in bed," Duquette said.

Although Duquette still lives at home, he works to pay most of his bills, and basically supports himself. He is also saving to get an apartment this spring.

His goal is to make himself happy.

Shelley Perry, 20, of Troup works 40 hours a week at Eckerd's Drug Store, and takes 13 hours. Perry's college costs are paid for by a grant.

Although Perry still lives

at home, she pays for her car, insurance, gas and everything else she wants to do. She is undecided about her major, but her goal is to get married, get a better job, and make lots of money.

Teaching cheerleading and gymnastics, enrolled in 14 hours of courses, and working about 45 hours a week means Lindsey Murray, 18, of Tyler stays pretty busy.

Murray says she doesn't have enough time for herself, but for the most part, she stays happy.

"I always find a way to make time to hang out with my friends, go to clubs and just have fun."

Murray majors in computer animation and hopes one day to work for Walt Disney.

Nate Boomer, 22, of Tyler, takes 13 credit hours and works about 45 hours a week for Teen Mania Ministries.

This is Boomer's first semester at TJC, and his major is physics.

Boomer carries many responsibilities, such as managing the call center, and being promotion supervisor.

The biggest problem might be Boomer's lack of sleep, but he makes sure he has his own time with at least one day a week off.

Boomer feels organized and happy. "I wasn't always happy, but now that I know what God wants me to do, I am."

Even though students may work full-time jobs and attend school full-time, many say that they are, for the most part, happy. Even with a full schedule, they learn to make time for a personal life and still succeed in the real world.

Wesley Foundation helps students

by Seneca Vanzandt
staff writer

Tyler United Wesley Foundation has been a center of youthful awareness and involvement since the 1956. Built in 1961, the Methodist Student Center has continuously strived to help students.

"We try to meet the students' needs," Denise Lightle, Methodist Student Center minister, said. "If it's college courses or questions concerning the Bible, we want to help them improve where they

stand."

At the Wesley Foundation, located at 1421 Baxter Street, students can find:

On Tuesday, free lunch for anyone at 11:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Bible study at 7 p.m. and worship service at 8 p.m.

"Our student attendance varies from time to time," Lightle said. "Sometimes it can be 25 or more students."

The Wesley Foundation not only serves on students' academic needs, but their per-

sonal needs as well.

"We try to be a friend to the students," Lightle said. "Most students who come here have a complex or tough background. We really aim to help them. It's important to be sensitive to all the students we receive," she said.

Students can be themselves at the Methodist Student Center.

"I didn't think that acceptance would be a big deal for most of the students who come here," Lightle said. "But it

turns out to be a big factor for these kids. I think it's good that they can come to an environment where they can feel comfortable."

The Wesley Foundation provides recreation, too.

"We allow any type of music as long as it's godly," Lightle said.

"At worship services, friends play a variety of music which is both acceptable and entertaining," she said.

The discipline is not harsh. "Hardly anyone causes trouble

when they come here," Lightle said. "Now from time to time, we have to remind young adults if their clothes are inappropriate or if their behavior is out of line."

The Wesley Foundation has one goal in mind for their students. "We want them to seek Christ," Lightle said.

"If they put Christ first in their lives, everything else would be added to them. That's how it should be," she said.

Mayo, former TJC student, wins 'Jeopardy'

by Sara Dickerson
staff writer

Melissa Mayo, a former TJC student, recently competed on the game show "Jeopardy." TJC hosted a viewing party for Mayo when the show aired Sept. 30 on KLTV.

Mayo, a "Jeopardy" fan since childhood, said she has always loved trivia. When she

heard that the show would hold a contestant search in Dallas, Mayo jumped at the chance to audition.

Out of everyone in Dallas who put their name in to audition for the show, Mayo was one of 150 who actually got the chance to try out.

"First we took a 50-question written test" Mayo said.

"Out of my group of 50 people who took the test, only five of us passed."

Mayo and the other four auditioners then played a mock version of the show. After the strenuous audition period, Mayo was asked to go to Los Angeles to be on "Jeopardy."

To prepare for the show, Mayo bought a book called

"The Dictionary of American Cultural Literacy" and skimmed it to refresh her memory on various topics.

Mayo said the show was "fun" and "the staff and other contestants were really nice." She didn't have time to get nervous once the show began. "I didn't even have time to think," Mayo said.

Mayo stole the show Monday, walking away with \$16,000 and a chance to defend her title the next day. Tuesday Mayo came in third and walked away with a total of \$18,200.

Grounds keepers make campus beautiful

Phedra Johnson
staff writer

Planting pansies, dianthus and rye grass keeps the TJC grounds crew busy in the early fall. In between seasonal plantings they stay busy with basic lawn care, tree work, unplugging drainage pipes, pulling out the bleachers for games in Wagstaff Gym, maintaining sprinklers

and continual trash pickup for the 70-acre campus.

"My men spend at least 12-18 man hours a week cleaning up trash on campus and especially in the parking lots," said Grounds Supervisor Buddy Riley.

"It would help us out a lot if students would use the receptacles we've put all over," Riley said.

Riley, who, for 20 years and 11 months owned and operated a successful Dallas landscaping business graduated from Texas A&M University with a master's degrees in agronomy and science. For the last four years, Riley has used his talents to keep this campus beautiful. His work depends on the help of a dedicated grounds crew.

"I couldn't do anything without these guys," Riley said.

Among them is Arthur Hartfield, an 18-year-veteran of the TJC grounds crew. Hartfield, who attended TJC, applied to be a grounds keeper 18 years ago on a whim.

"They called me back the next day," he said.

The "new guy" Tyrone

Ged has only been here one month. He started because he "really likes landscaping."

All these men work together to keep TJC aesthetically pleasing.

"I like working here because everyone seems nice and has a smile on his face," Riley said.

Campus officials work to get ATM

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

Students and faculty may soon gain access to their money through an ATM machine on campus. For several years, they have had to use ATMs at off-campus locations.

"We are trying to get another machine through Southside Bank. Southside is the main bank the college does most of its banking through," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

"Southside Bank is trying to find a machine with encryption, a protection code against hackers," Nalley said. "This encryption program is expensive, but bank officials hope to have a machine within a few weeks."

"We have a good history with our past machines, with no vandalism," Nalley said. "We are looking forward to our partnership with Southside Bank."

The machine will be in the Cafeteria lobby in Rogers Student Center, just left of the main entrance. It will be accessible 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Those who do not have Southside accounts can use the machine for 50 cents per transaction.

TJC Bookstore will cash checks up to \$50 with student ID.

Swarms will 'bee' gone

by Bo Wickliff
staff writer

Thousands of bees swarming around campus trash cans since school began make some folks nervous. Many people are afraid to sit down on a bench and eat their lunch

because the bees seem to want a bite.

Custodian Donald Devereaux said,

"The bees usually come out around spring time, especially by trash cans."

"When I am emptying the trash cans," Devereaux said, "I usually spray them, but I have never gotten stung by one."

With 17 years experience on this campus, he knows. "If you don't aggravate them then they will not sting you," Devereaux said.

Biology Instructor Mark Bloom,

said, "Honey bees like the sweetness of foods and the smell of them. Bees really like anything that is a food source."

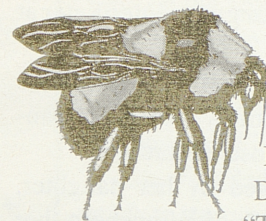
The honey bees are around the trash cans because the flowers have stopped blooming and the bees are attracted by the sweet smell.

Some people could have respiratory problems if they are allergic to bees stings, but Bloom said, "Don't aggravate them and they won't aggravate you."

"I have gotten stung two times in my life, one when I was a kid and just last year when I was outside doing yard work," he said.

For most people bee stings are uncomfortable, but not dangerous.

As winter comes the bees will move under ground to hibernate until spring, Bloom said. Weather forecasters say that should happen soon and the bees will be gone.



Tyler Museum of Art displays 4 new exhibits

by Bennie Adkins
co-editor

The Tyler Museum of Art displays four exhibits. The showpiece, "Jewels of Time," fills the South gallery, "Tyler

Collects III," "Home for the Holidays," and photos in the east gallery give visitors plenty of options.

"Jewels of Time" includes 80 exotic watches from the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. According to a TMA brochure, Tyler is the first venue for this international tour of elegant jew-

elry from the 17th through the 19th centuries. The exhibit will be open until Jan. 12, 2003.

"Jewels of Time" costs: adults \$6, students \$3.50, children (6 and over) \$2, seniors (65 and over) \$3.50. TMA members get in free.

"Tyler Collects III" is a display of the personal collection of TJC benefactors Emma and the late Watson Wise.

The oil paintings depict royalty, countryside oceans and historical settings. "Mary Queen of Scots and Rizzio" by Fredrick Kraus, and "Madonna and Child with Saint Peter, Saint Paul and disciples" are among the many oil paintings in this exhibit which remains until Jan. 19, 2003.

In the East Gallery, on the second floor, visitors find a collection of pictures taken by various photographers. The pictures are of many different locations from different perspectives.

A new Norman Rockwell exhibit, "Home for the Holidays" opened Oct. 19. and will end Jan. 19, 2003. It continues a theme that began earlier this year with Rockwell's "Celebrating America". That displayed of paintings and lithographs of Norman Rockwell's original early 1970's work. The exhibit which closed Oct. 13. The display consisted of scenes from the stories of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, early American settlements and the beginning of American traditions. Five lithographs of Rockwell's early pencil drawings were used by the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The Museum is located at 1300 S. Mahon Ave., on the TJC campus. For more information about any exhibits call 595-1001.



Photos by: Bennie Adkins



These photographs show Norman Rockwell's original paintings, part of the display, "Celebrating America." They express what it is like to be an American and all that America has to offer.

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Interpreter's death saddens colleagues, students

by Lacey Teel
staff writer

Funeral services for Chelsey Morgan Epps, 29, were held Oct. 14 at Hollybrook Baptist Church in Hawkins.

Epps died in an auto accident Oct. 11 near Dallas enroute to the State Fair of Texas with her family. She was born June 18, 1973.

Epps, who began work at TJC as an interpreter for the deaf earlier this year, graduated from TJC summa cum laude in May 2000 with an associate degree in deaf interpretation. She was a 1991 honor graduate of Quitman High School.

"She was an excellent interpreter, friend, daughter and mother. She will truly be missed," Tina Dillman, deaf

student interpreter coordinator, said.

Last year Epps worked in schools in East Texas as an interpreter and served as a sign language interpreter at her church.

Epps had worked at a hardware store with her family and later managed the Briar Rose Restaurant.

She is survived by her daughter, Zoe Blair Epps, 9, of Winnsboro, her parents Randy and Wendy Epps of Hawkins.

The family suggests contributions to the Zoe Epps Trust Fund at First State Bank in Hawkins.

Epps was buried at Hollytree Cemetery in Hawkins.

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Fairies, lovers entertain audiences

by Sara Dickerson
staff writer



The TJC performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare earlier this month was a wonderful, humorous love story definitely worth seeing, although sometimes Shakespearean language is hard to follow.

The story centers around four young lovers: Helena, played by Christy Cole; Hermia, played by Cassie Watson; Lysander, played by Taylor Flowers and Demetrius

played by Geoffrey Gargotta.

Fairies manipulate these four young lovers in an enchanted forest. The main fairies are: Oberon the fairy king (Ricky Grice), Titania the fairy queen, (Lori McCarty), the mischievous Puck, (Ashley Shelton) and Bottom, (Monroe Page).

The actors all did excellent work and portrayed their characters realistically. The magnificent scenery made audiences feel as if they were

in the forest.

The story provides the perfect balance of humor and drama. The play within-the-play was side-splittingly funny, and the main character's tangled web of love kept the audience guessing.

Director Dr. David W. Crawford and student assistants Shannon Lane and Robert Ramos, as well as the actors, clearly put in a lot of work to make this production a success.

Sometimes they wanna go out, sometimes stay home

by Bennie Adkins
co-editor

Movies have long been entertainment favorites for people of all ages. Students may decide to go to the movie theater or they may just rent movies from their nearest video store.

Going to the movie theater lets people see the movie before it comes out on DVD or tape. They also get a chance to enjoy being with other people. Depending on what students feel like determines whether or not if they go to the movies or decide to rent. If students would like to go out and snuggle up with their significant

other, they may think of going to the movie theater.

Sophomore Nee-Nee Thompson, 19, said "I love to go to the movies because it is always great to hug up with my man and know that when I am scared I can feel safe in his arms."

Sophomore Tacesha Whitaker, 19, said, "If I go on a date and the guy is not all that cute then I will rather watch a movie at home with him."

Sophomore Tamecia Elmore, 20, said, "I like doing both. Sometimes I like staying at home and sometimes I

like going out. It just depends on what kind of mood I am in."

Sophomore Nia Pruitt said "I like to talk and you can't talk at the movies. Plus if the movie isn't worth it, it would make me mad for paying \$8. for just one movie."

When students consider renting movies, the closes rental stores to TJC are JJ's Video at Loop 323 and 5th Street and Blockbusters at 5th and Beckham.

Blockbusters is open from 10 a.m. to midnight. New releases cost \$4.64 and old releases at 99 cents.

JJ's Video is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.. New releases cost customers \$2.99 and old releases cost \$1.49 each.

Although it is cheaper rent movies, some prefer the excitement of going to the movie.

Sophomore Ashley Thomas, 19, said, "I know that it cost a lot of money to go to the movies but I still like to go watch the movies before they come out on video. I think that people will always go to the movie theater because a lot of people like to watch movies."

'Sweet Home Alabama' cashes in at box office

by Amber Allsbrooks
co-editor

"Sweet Home Alabama" made over \$21 million, coming in second to "Red Dragon" in the box office according to hollywood.com. New York fashion designer Melanie Carmichael (Reese Witherspoon) is engaged to the mayor's son Andrew Hemmings (Patrick Dempsey). But before she can walk down the aisle, she must go back to Nashville to deal with her husband. Jake (Josh Lucas) will not give her a divorce.

Back in Nashville, Melanie falls in love with Jake all over again. Now she

must choose between the husband she married as a teenager and Andrew, the guy in New York.

"I'm really happy in New York, but then I come here and this fits too," Melanie says. Jake tells her to go home so she can be happy.

Andrew visits Melanie and plans a quick wedding in her hometown. How does she solve her dilemma? Watch the movie.

Witherspoon fans will no doubt love "Sweet Home Alabama" and those who see her for the first time will become fans.

'Banger Sisters' good for laughs

by Melissa Renick
staff writer

The title of this complicated chick flick says it all. In "Banger Sisters" Goldie Hawn and Susan Sarandon share the spotlight. Vinnie (Sarandon), a successful mother of two, suddenly recalls her rebellious past.

Suzette (Hawn) plays a bartender who has gone wild and plans never to go back.

The two former best friends meet after 20 years.

Suzette remains unchanged after two decades; Vinnie has raised two daughters

and no longer remembers who Suzette is. As they begin to catch up, Vinnie realizes she misses Suzette and wants to party.

Vinnie surprises with her wit and rebellious personality after she becomes an energetic blonde bombshell like Suzette. Recalling the times they shared as young party girls makes them realize how much alike they really are.

This movie has some unspoken life lessons for all generations.

"Banger Sisters," Bob Dolman's first film, looks like a major chick flick, but both genders should enjoy it.

5 music releases top October charts

by Chester Reescano Jr.
staff writer

The top five releases for October are sure to be pretty good. 1. Isyss "The Way We Do" 2. Floetry "Floetic" 3. Xzibit "Man vs Machine" 4. Eve "Eve-Olution" 5. Mary J. Blige "Dance for Me."

Isyss's album is sure to be a top seller. This group of women have been compared to the Houston-based Destiny's Child. Their unique style is an instant ear catcher.

Floetry is making their national debut with their new release. They have been on the scene for a long time, and have an old school style that is sure to be a fall banger.

The West Coast lyricist Xzibit is back. "Man vs Machine" will make people come out of their seats. With his rough, hardcore sound and the production of Dr. Dre, this one is an instant classic.

The first lady of the Ruff Ryders is back with her third album. Eve is ready to step up and take her title as the queen of rap. "Eve-Olution" includes guest appearances from Alicia Keys, Ruff Ryders and the productions of Swizz Beats.

The soulful voice of Mary J. Blige will bless us one more time with her latest album "Dance for Me." Blige has been on the scene for nearly 10 years but she doesn't seem to be giving it up anytime soon. This veteran includes many guests on her album such as Ja Rule, the production work from P. Diddy and Dr. Dre, so this album is really going to be huge.

Job Fair attempts to help students find jobs

by Elena Hunter
staff writer

Despite economic downsizing, job seekers can find help at the East Texas Work Force Center Job Fair. The next Fair has not been scheduled, but to get more information, call 903-561-8131.

At the last Job Fair "over 600 job seekers participated, Site Supervisor Stephen Lynch said. Lynch employers interviewed prospective applicants. Because that fair was so successful, we

plan to host a "monthly Job Fair," he said.

Job seekers must register in person at the office or on-line at www.texasworkforce.org, he said.

The Workforce Center helps people find jobs and develop career goals.

"There is a lot of downsizing in companies," Job Fair Coordinator Sandy Deveraux-Scott said, but if someone looking for a job is willing and flexible, they can find a one.

Clients limit themselves, Deveraux-Scott said, by the amount of money they want to make or how many days a week and hours they want to work. All these limit chances of being hired.

Estimates of how many get new jobs from the fairs are difficult to pinpoint because not all employers report back, Lynch said.

The Work Force Center has a "resource room" where future employees can get resume assistance and "use our

computers, fax machines and telephones," Deveraux-Scott said.

Job seekers can practice interviewing skills in a class Jim Kinse directs on Mondays. All these services are free. The Center offers no weekend or evening seminars.

Employers will hire full-time students looking for work. UPS is the No. 1 employer who works around students schedules. Fed EX has the same scheduling flexibility, Deveraux-Scott said.

TRIO support students in educational needs

by Stephanie Smith
staff writer

TJC TRIO is one of the many support services for students. TRIO, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, enables colleges to provide services to help students reach their potential and succeed, TRIO Advisor Donna Kachlic said.

TRIO resources include: individual academic counseling, tutoring, study skills seminars, financial aid information and guidance, financial planning workshops, cultural enrichment activities, scholastic probation prevention academic advising and placement, individual instruction, TASP preparation seminars and university transfer information — including

campus visits and information and referral assistance.

TJC student support comes in the form of workshops, extended tutoring, book loans, campus visits and cultural events.

TRIO's main goal is to help students stay in college. That means graduating from a two-year school, transferring to and graduating with a bachelor's degree from a four-year institution. TRIO staff creates a campus climate supportive of under-prepared and under-represented students.

"TRIO is a wonderful program in which students are encouraged and guided to reach their goals. It is most rewarding

to see our students succeed," Kachlic said.

To be in the TRIO program, students meet one or more criteria.

- have an academic/educational need.

- first generation college students (neither parent has a four-year degree.)

financially disadvantaged.

- have physical or learning disability.

Last summer TRIO students attended the TASSSP Student Leadership Conference at Texas A&M — Corpus Christi. Three students won \$500 scholarships.

At TJC TRIO has its own meaningful

acronym:

Touching lives

Reaching out

Increasing knowledge

Opening doors

TRIO shares the third floor of Rogers Student Center with the Learning Loft. Students can use areas with tables and chairs for tutoring sessions, a computer lab and many people eager to help, Kachlic said.

"Visit our TRIO Study Lab and get a brochure," Kachlic said.

Learning loft gives students quiet study time

by April Rose McLemore
staff writer

The Learning Loft is a quiet place where any TJC student can study. The Loft, on the third floor of Rogers Student Center is open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Students can make appointments for free individual tutoring by visiting or calling the Learning Loft. "Students should make an appointment a week in advance to help guarantee getting a tutor," Tutoring Coordinator Tracey Williams said.

Students can also get help in lab groups:

- Math Lab from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

- American Sign Language Lab 1 to

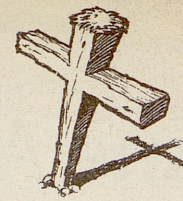
5 p.m. on Monday, 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday.

Students who want to become tutors should contact the Loft staff. They need tutors for biology and accounting, according to a pamphlet from the Loft.

"Students must have a 3.0 GPA, an A in the class they want to tutor, a recommendation from their instructor and complete a two-hour training program," Williams said.

Tutors get paid \$6.25 per hour for a one-on-one session, \$7 per hour for a group session and \$8 per hour for a lab session.

For more information on getting a tutor or being a tutor, the Learning Loft at 510-2892.



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Soccer team draws from many lands

by Phedra Johnson
staff writer

The TJC Soccer Team draws players from all over the globe for a variety of reasons.

Jamaica native Derron Cornwall who claims to have "come from the womb with a soccer ball," transferred from Meridian (Miss.) Community

College.

"I was just following Coach Steve Clements," Cornwall said.

Another Jamaican Kevin King came for the same reason. A former Jamaican national team player, whose ambition is to play professional ball, King is as talented as he is opinionated.

Peter Jones, also from Jamaica, transferred to be a part of a gifted group of men. Jones urges all students to come out and watch their games because "We offer entertainment -- and it's free."

Robin Cooley, a native of England who formerly coached in Phoenix, said he came to TJC because,

"I knew someone who went here and wanted to be part of a good team."

Another Brit, Richard Hill started college at TJC after coaching teams all over the West Coast. Hill, who thinks of home often, likes being on the soccer team because there he said he's "not on my own. There are other

people just like me."

Brazilian Peter Archer has been on the program only seven months. He's happy here because "this is one of the best teams I've been part of, unity wise," he said.

Men's tennis players reflect 10 nations

by Frank Sides
staff writer

The Tennis Team's success can be attributed to international players. Ten players have come from countries other than the United States. Only three of them are playing on scholarships.

"The NJCAA is the only

organization that restricts the international player," Tennis Coach John Peterson said. "Only 25 percent or four of our scholarships can go to international students."

"The players are not recruited. They come here for a relatively inexpensive education and the rich tennis tradition," Peterson said.

Advantages of having international players outnumber the disadvantages.

"It is a great cultural experience for the local students and exposes them to different lifestyles and philosophies," Peterson said. "The language barrier can sometimes be a distraction."

Three international play-

ers qualified for the Small College National Championships in Corpus Christi. Mark Growcott from England qualified in men's singles and in men's doubles partnered with another British player Jordan Freitas. Catalina Isaza from Columbia qualified for women's doubles.

Small College National

Championships winners will go on to play in the ITA/Omni Hotel National Indoor Championships, they will compete against top NCAA Division I players," Peterson said.

Students will have one more opportunity to see the tennis team in action Oct. 25 and 26 at the Bill Day Collegiate here on campus.

Intramurals create fun, teamwork, friendships

by Frank Sides
staff writer

TJC offers a variety of intramural sports, campus-wide athletic events in which students may compete against each other.

"Flag football is underway already, but TJC offers just about every sport imaginable," Recreational Services Director Jamie Parsons said.

Intramurals include: 3-on-3 basketball, whiffle ball, walley ball (volleyball in a racquetball court), volleyball, softball, soccer, racquetball, golf, tennis and archery.

Students can compete in ping pong, video games, spades and pool tournaments in the Rec room every Thursday.

Students can get sign-up sheets from the student activities office on the second floor of Rogers Student Center or in the Rec room on the first floor.

"It is better to sign up as a team, instead of signing up by yourself and being assigned to a team," Parsons said.

Flyers on bulletin boards in every campus building announce the deadlines for other sports.

Cheerleaders hope to win competition

by Lacey Teel
staff writer

Apache Cheerleaders include 'four All-Americans': Wendy Hall from Wills Point, Lance Martin from Tatum, Rudy Pedraza and Tarah Mitchell from Lewisville.

"Two are Top Gun Stunters: Wendy Hall from Wills Point, and Curtis Scudder from Chapel Hill and one a Top Gun Jumper Josh Ortegon from Snider," Cheerleader Coach Vincent Nguyen said.

The squads have won two bids to compete in the National Collegiate Association Competition at Daytona Beach, Fla. in early April 2003. More than 250 colleges and universities send cheerleading squads to compete for the national title.

"For a warm-up, we are planning to compete at Mardi Gras Nationals in February,"

Nguyen said.

The Cheerleaders lead the crowd at each TJC sporting event.

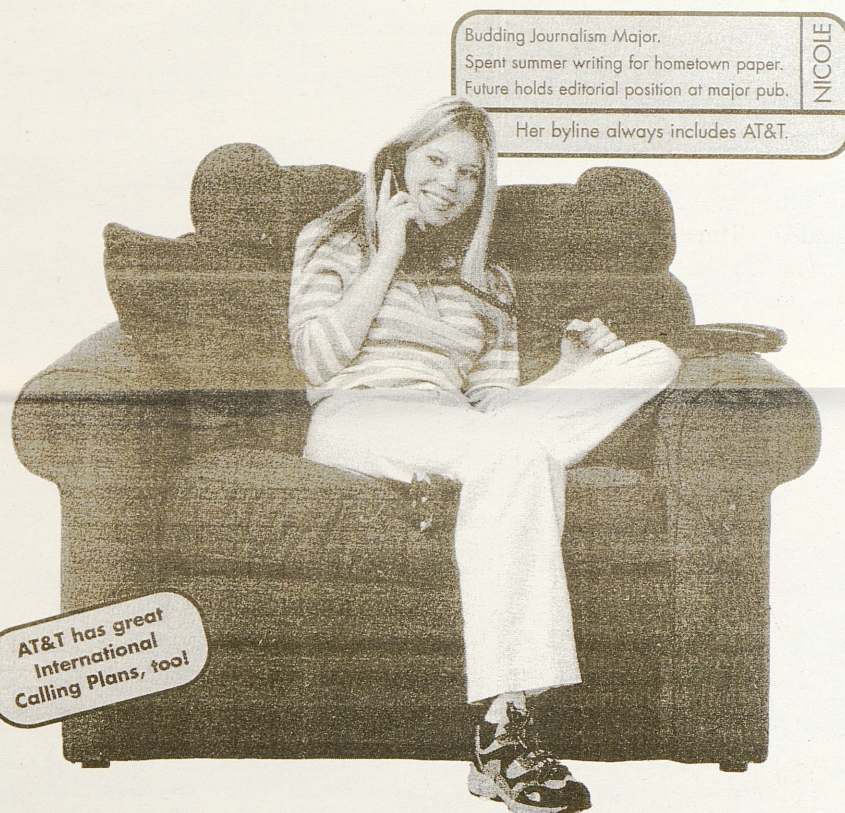
"The Cheerleaders want people to support them and the athletic program by attending the games," Nguyen said.

Nguyen encourages students who live on campus to come to games. Admission to home games is free with a student ID.

During basketball season, at each home game, cheerleaders raffle off gift certificates and prizes and give away T-shirts.

In addition to their busy game schedule, cheerleaders help with community events such as the Oct. 4 Alzheimer's Walk and the Oct. 5 Walk for Diabetes.

They will entertain Nov. 15 at the Tyler Junior League Bazaar at Harvey Hall.



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Trainers aid athletes, gain skills

by John Baggett
staff writer

It's any given Saturday afternoon: A football player catches a pass, heads for a touchdown, but gets hit and severely sprains his ankle. A basketball player is warming up lands incorrectly and injures her knee. A baseball player, tags someone out and accidentally hits him in the nose. A golfer has difficulty playing due to a pain in her wrist. A tennis player serves the ball and feels a sharp pain in her shoulder. It sounds like chaos, but for the athletic training staff it's just another day.

The trainers, both students and professionals, are essential to athletes and coaches in every sport.

Intercollegiate Athletics Trainer Eric Redman and Graduate Assistant Dawn Fure head the training staff, responsible for recruiting and educating. Their students include sophomores Bryan Alexander, Josh Bullard, Robyn Glenn, Josh Mutz, Bill Tusing and Adam Willams.

Freshmen are Angela Bryant, Byron Corby, Jimmy Frazier, Nick Holley, Chris Johnson, Janae Johnson, Cody Pottkotter, Justin Sanders, Dana

Thompson and Jason Thornkotter.

Redman or someone on his staff covers every game and practice for all 10 sports: football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, tennis, golf, and soccer. They also learn to treat and rehabilitate all athletic injuries and help players get back to playing again.

"I've been hurt a lot and they help me with my rehab," Stacey Szymanski, Apache Ladies sophomore forward, said.

In addition, Redman and Fure teach two athletic training classes open to all students: "Taping and Bandaging" and "Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries."

Student trainers spend a semester learning the anatomy, injuries and rehabilitation of a body. In fall they might cover the human ankle and in the spring they might cover the shoulder or the knee.

Redman said all this will prepare students to move on to a university and pass the National Athletic Trainers' Association certification exam.

"[Redman's program] is the best in the state of Texas, at least in junior colleges," Ath-

letic Director Dr. Tim Drain said.

"You've got some 300 athletes here in 10 sports and you've got a peace of mind that an individual is out there watching every single practice and every single play," Drain said. That helps comfort parents and administrators and aids in recruiting student athletes, Drain said.

The program is also highly regarded by other schools in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. TJC graduates are enrolled in such universities as Kansas State, Northwestern (in Boston), Tarleton State, Texas Christian, the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Tulsa. TJC has articulation agreements with TCU and UTA.

Former students praise Redman's work.

"Coming into the athletic training program, I had not been around [them] very much and had little idea about what they do, but I learned very quickly," former student trainer Dallas Allmon said.

"The way Eric's program works is that he throws you in the pool and you either sink or swim," he said. "I came in not even knowing how to tear tape and left knowing how to do a

knee examination."

You meet all sorts of people, have the best seats in the house for games and develop a real sense of teamwork with fellow trainers, Allmon said.

"I think [Eric's] knowledge and him teaching us his knowledge has benefited me" so I can move on to a four-year program and be better-prepared than the students already there, sophomore student Josh Bullard said.

Former Graduate Assistant Toby Cason, now assistant trainer at Indiana University, praised the "excellent learning environment, not only in the classroom but in the training room" plus the hands-on and observational learning experi-

ences that most students do not get at universities."

Freshman Pottkotter said, "I've always wanted to go into the medical field and this is the best way to get me on that road"

"[Eric's program] is very impressive. He's worked really hard to build a program and I think he's teaching the kids a lot of things that they wouldn't normally get as freshmen and sophomores. I think it's a really good program," Fure said.

The coaches and athletes are thankful for the long hours of hard work that Redman and his students put in during the day. And to the athletic training staff, it's all worth it.

Athletes transfer to universities

by Amber Haddock
staff writer

Last year 39 TJC athletes transferred to play at universities. They started at a junior college to get the opportunity to be noticed by a bigger university.

Twenty-one former football players now play for universities. They are: Juan Valentine at the university of Arizona, Jeff Hillard at Memphis University, Tony Sutton at Middle Tennessee State University, Travis House at Northern Illinois University, and Dominic Cravens at Baylor University. Others are: Devian Mimms at Abilene Christian University, Nate Larue at Nichols University, Nick Houston at Stephen F. Austin State University, Kyle Watkins at Central Florida State University, Pete Howard at the university of Houston, John Wingate at Iowa State University and Anthony McCloud at Tarleton State University. Oth-

ers are: Jared Dotson at Abilene Christian University, Derrick Degrate at Abilene Christian University,

Stephen Murphy at Harding University, Deryl Henderson at Southeastern Oklahoma State, Justin Jackson at Angelo State University, Jonathan Combs at Texas A&M- Kingsville, Jamal Hollman at Lane College, Bioisnett Sams at Lane College and Ivory Griffith at Nebraska- Omaha University.

Two women's volleyball players transferred to play at universities. They are: Olita McWilliams at Anchorage in Alaska and Becky Valdez at Louisiana Tech University.

Three men's basketball players who that are still playing are; Frank Bryant at Moorehouse College, Kurt Spurgeon at Iowa State University and Chris Booker at Purdue University.

Three women's basketball players who continue are:

Chinyere James at Missouri State University, Keshun Irving, at Texas Women's University and Keaira Moore at New Mexico State University.

Three men's tennis players continuing are: Aleks Tunjic at Drexel University; Ash Misquith at Clemson University and Micheal Parker at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne.

Three women's tennis players are: Britteny Holliday at University of Missouri, Francesca Solari at Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne and Casey Wallace at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

One men's soccer player, Brett Barr, is playing at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Women's golfer Abbey Lassater is playing at San Diego State University.

Two men's golfers playing are: Todd Mack at Abilene Christian University and Austin Watson at University of North Texas.

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